

REMARKS

In the Amendment filed on July 28, 2009, claim 1 was amended to recite that exhalation valve is disposed in the filter assembly.

While this embodiment is shown in the drawings, it is not required according to the invention. Hence, claim 1 has now been amended to recite that the exhalation valve is disposed in a wall of the bag. New claim 29 depends from claim 1, and recites that the exhalation valve is disposed in the filter assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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